

## INSURANCE SECRET HUNT ON.

"WELL KNOWN AND PROMINENT"  
MAN'S CARD THE CAUSEArmstrong Committee Wants to Know  
Who Wrote the Memorandum on the  
Back May Utter His Name on  
Tuesday Depew's Friend Is Sought.

Counsel for the Armstrong insurance committee are working on a new lead which involves the name of a "well known and prominent" man in this city. Who the lawyer is or what the transaction was in which he was concerned was not disclosed yesterday. Strict silence was maintained by everybody connected with the committee. It is said the committee's next lead will be the name of the man who wrote the memorandum on the card and the man who owned it. The voucher to which the card was attached was not signed by the man.

The "prominent lawyer" has been pulled into the insurance investigation through the discovery of one of his personal cards attached to an Equitable life voucher as receipt for money paid. On the back of this card were some figures and a memorandum. What the committee is trying to establish before it brings the man's name out is whether there is any relation between the memorandum on the card and the man who owned it. The voucher to which the card was attached was not signed by the man.

Mr. Hughes, counsel to the investigating committee, showed the voucher and the card to Senator Depew when he was on the stand on Friday, requesting him to hold the papers so that those about him would not see them. The Senator looked surprised and said that he knew nothing about the voucher or about any services that had been rendered by the man whose name was on the card. The voucher was shown by Mr. Hughes to Samuel McCurdy, the Equitable's assistant registrar, and he could throw no light on it.

Because nobody at the hearing knew anything about the voucher and card, Mr. Hughes and the committee decided to hold the matter back for opportunity to investigate. They thought that the memorandum might have been written accidentally on the back of the man's card and the committee did not want to do him an injustice by bringing his name into the proceedings unless there was a reason for it. Whether the committee has found that there is a reason was not learned definitely last night.

The committee also had its feelers put yesterday for Senator Depew's "rattler" friend up the Hudson, and it was said that they expected to know the man's name before the inquiry is resumed on Tuesday. The committee's subpoena servers were looking for John A. Nichols, who wrote to the Senator in regard to the friend, but it was said last night that they had not found him.

## OPERA HOUSE OPENING.

Dress Rehearsal of "Die Koenigin von Saba" to an Invited Audience.

The Metropolitan Opera House was opened yesterday for a dress rehearsal of Goldmark's opera "Die Koenigin von Saba," which is to be produced next Wednesday. The invited audience resembled one of the "Parisian" gatherings last winter. A few of the directors of the Metropolitan Opera House were present in the parterre boxes, there were a number of the artists downstairs and a liberal sprinkling of the opera school in the office. Marie Rappold, one of the graduates of M. Conried's school, was to show how well she will do at her first appearance next week. Heinrich Conried walked up and down the aisle as usual, giving an excellent idea of what personal supervision means. The performance moved so smoothly, however, that it was not often necessary for the director to interfere.

The spectators scattered through the house saw a high red screen so concealing the orchestra pit that even the shiny plate of Alfred Hertz is concealed. Occasionally his black baton darted into view and disappeared quickly. At other times there was nothing but the music to indicate that the pit was occupied. This arrangement is fashioned after the Bayreuth plan, which keeps the orchestra wholly out of view. Mr. Hertz, being a Wagnerian and a German, delights in the new arrangement and is willing to have the screen conceal his expressive fingers and the lack of his elegant bow.

"But what will happen when the Italian opera with their lighter orchestration are sung?" said Signor Vigna, with tears in his voice. "Think of 'Traviata' and 'Somnambula'! The audience will hear very little and the artists will hear nothing. I get numb of the sound, and all of them will sing false. Borelli? What difference does that make? One does not sing Italian opera at Bayreuth."

Mrs. Nordica, sitting aloft in a parterre box, looked down with the pride that the possession of such a luxury one night would impart on the orchestra. Mrs. Nordica, seated in the orchestra stalls, Mrs. Sembrich, guarded by her faithful husband, who kept all the afternoon shutting doors to keep the orchestra out, sat with Signor Caruso and Pol Plancon. Mrs. Sembrich listened attentively and declared the opera school gradually a certain success. Signor Caruso, a great in the company and should be singing "Solomon" in place of Anton von Roy.

"I will admit that I am the only Apostolic priest and Bishop on the opera stage," M. Plancon answered suavely, making the sign of the cross. "And M. Conried asked me to sing that role last June 1, 1904, and I over and found it too high for my voice."

Olive Fremstad, who is to be a later Queen of Sheba, and Andrus Dippel, who will sing Asael, looked on the audience. The new yellow brocade curtain, edged with yellow fringe and decorated in appliques done in pastel shades of blue and pink, was used yesterday for the first time. It lightens the color scheme of the house effectively.

## DRESS IDEAS IN PAINTINGS.

English Women Frequencing the Galleries to Study Modes of Old Masters.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—A frequenter of the National Gallery has discovered that the works of the old masters there are a resource of mode hunting women who desire individuality of dress but who are unable to afford the high charges of the most fashionable dressmakers. In the works of Titian, Veronese, Van Dyck and Rubens, others they find, as he overheard in conversations, show ideas which lend themselves to the reproduction of inexpensive fabrics which may be made in the neighborhood of their suburban homes.

## GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.

Goes Down After a Collision in Kiel Bay—33 May Be Lost.

KIEL, Nov. 18.—A torpedo boat was sunk here to-night in collision with the small cruiser Undine. The commander and thirty-three of the crew of the torpedo boat are supposed to have been drowned. The immediate cause of the sinking of the torpedo boat is officially said to have been a boiler explosion which followed the collision with the Undine. Hence the loss of life. The collision took place in Kiel Bay at 8:45 P. M. during night maneuvers. The Undine's lights were doused and the torpedo boat got under her bows and was rammed.

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## POLICEMAN NABBED IN RAID.

GILMARTIN FOUND IN ALLEGED  
OPIUM DEN.He's Man Whose Club and Shield Margaret  
Meister Took to Police Headquarters  
She Can't Be Found, but Sulfide  
Hall Graduate Wants to Resign Now.

Roundsman Maher of the Costigan squad and Detectives Smith and Lorrigan made a raid on an alleged opium den at 31 Stuyvesant street yesterday about noon. There were five people in the place at the time, two men and three women. One of the two men was Policeman John F. Gilmartin of the West Thirty-seventh street police station.

The woman who was arrested as the keeper of the place was Flossie Williams, Gilmartin was arrested as an inmate and taken to the Fifth street police station. The raid was really part of a long continued effort by the police to rid the force of Gilmartin.

About three weeks ago Margaret Meister went to Police Headquarters carrying a policeman's helmet and shield, and asked to see Commissioner McAdoo. As has been told before in THE SUN, she preferred charges against Gilmartin. She said that she had lived with him, that she was a woman of the streets, and that she had been giving him the money she earned. She left him because he beat her. Roundsman Maher was ordered to get evidence. When the case came to trial two weeks ago, Gilmartin did not appear. The Meister woman did not appear. Gilmartin and Maher were arrested for an immediate trial, and Gilmartin openly boasted about Headquarters that the Meister woman would never testify against him. This talk reached Commissioner McAdoo's ears and he had adjourned the case.

Maher set to work to find the girl. She had been an inmate of Flossie Williams' place and Maher had it closely watched. It was ascertained that Gilmartin had been a waiter in McAdoo's Sunda Hall before his appointment to the force two years ago, and had been a constant visitor at 31 Stuyvesant street. Maher was in a row in The Bronx in being, but when the police looked for her she had disappeared and it is said that she has been spirited out of the State.

Without the evidence of the woman it was impossible to secure a conviction. Maher, however, did not give up his efforts to get evidence against Gilmartin, and had him closely watched.

Gilmartin was on duty Friday night on the late tour, and was taken off duty by the Fifth street police station. Gilmartin will probably not be allowed to resign, although he was found in the place while on duty, but he will be brought on trial and, if the evidence warrants, dismissed from the force.

Gilmartin's picture, it is said, was in the ragged gallery, but was taken out when he became a member of the force. Commissioner McAdoo ordered a search to be made for it before he left on his trip South, but so far no record of it has been found.

## BEAUTIFUL WOMAN A TRAITOR.

German Court Sends Russian Authorities  
to Prison and Fines Her 1,500 Marks.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LEIPZIG, Nov. 18.—Zinida Smolodoff, a young Russian actress, was tried to-day before the Imperial Court on a charge of high treason.

She is a beautiful and talented woman, and figured prominently in fashionable society at Berlin, where she obtained a footing by means of letters of introduction from persons moving in the highest circles in St. Petersburg. She numbered among her friends many officers and high State dignitaries and lived in grand style; in fact, her expenses obviously exceeded her literary income. This led to inquiries, and a discovery was made that she had carried on correspondence under assumed names with suspicious persons. She was thereupon arrested.

The proceedings were carried on in secret. Many of the leaders of Berlin society were witnesses.

The findings of the court showed that the accused had obtained possession of documents, the communication of which to unauthorized persons might constitute danger to Germany, and that she had, on behalf of a foreign Government placed them in the hands of a foreign officer.

The woman was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,500 marks. After the sentence has been carried out she will be subject to police supervision.

Prince Charles Formally Elected King.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 18.—The Storthing to-day unanimously elected Prince Charles of Denmark King of Norway.

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One Cop Says That Prisoner Tried to Set  
Fire to the Evidence Which the Cop  
Had Stowed Away in His Pocket—Story  
Also of a Pugnacious Man With a Gun.

"Honest" John Kelly's place, at 137 West Forty-first street, was raided yesterday as a poolroom by Inspector Schmittberger and Capt. Dooley. Kelly's place is in Dooley's precinct. He was one of the gamblers who was in District Attorney Jerome's last roundup. He promised to be good then and close up.

The poolroom has been running since others opened up in the district, and a few days ago Schmittberger sent two of his men, Cody and Lemmon, to get the evidence. They had no trouble in getting into Kelly's place and making several bets.

It being a midday day yesterday Schmittberger thought it would be a good time to make a raid to show people how gently he does it. With Dooley and several other policemen he swooped down on the poolroom in the middle of the afternoon. The door was opened to them by the two plain clothes men who had obtained the evidence.

Once the raiders were inside there was a commotion among the men in the building, of whom the police say there were over a hundred. Behind a partition, which was gently pushed down, was Snitz Edwards, a Broadway sport. He was nabbed as the manager of the place.

A man who said he was Sigmund Levy, a diamond broker, was also arrested, charged with having to do with the management. A third man, who said he was John P. Morris, did not take his arrest kindly. The raiders say he drew a revolver and wanted to fight. Nobody would fight with him, but they took him prisoner.

The prisoners were held in the building while the raiders went rummaging about for the sake of the police. Detective Cody says he found several racing sheets and that he stuffed them in the presence of the prisoners.

Cody says that one of the trio threw a lighted match into his pocket in an effort to destroy the evidence he had there. The match set fire to the papers, he says, and when he jammed his hand into his pocket the little blaze burned him slightly.

A telephone was ringing when the police arrived, but when they got inside the partition where the money was taken there was no telephone in sight. A search was made for it and it was found hidden in a heat register. It had been disconnected and thrown there when the police made themselves known. It was in this register, also, that Cody found the racing sheets.

The men in the place were told that they might go after the search of the building was completed. They got out in a jiffy. Outside the regular crowd of idlers had gathered to watch the result of the raid. When the Tenderloin patrol wagon disappeared with the prisoners the crowd went away. If Honest John was in the house when the police came he did not get him. Nobody was clubbed.

Frank Lincoln, the entertainer, here.

Frank Lincoln, the entertainer, who has recently concluded a season of more than 400 performances at the Criterion Theatre, London, and is now on his third tour of the world, has arrived in New York and will appear at the Colonial Theatre next week.

Mr. Lincoln has given his entertainment before King Edward and Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family. He has also appeared in nearly all the fashionable drawing rooms of London.

Going to Russia for Dramatic Material.

Theodore Kremer, the dramatist, is planning a trip to St. Petersburg in search of material for a Russian melodrama. He has decided to mingle with the revolutionists, get their views on life in Russia and then write his play. He expects to have it finished for production in March or April next.

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## SWATTED WOMEN'S CHAMPION.

Man Who Says He's Catholic Protector  
Bandmaster Looked Up.

Two women, one elderly and the other young and good looking, boarded a trolley car bound for Harlem at West Farms late yesterday afternoon. Michael J. Ryan, a big fellow who says he is the landlady at the Catholic Protector in West Chester, was on the car. He began to make eyes at the younger of the two women. It is alleged, and Arthur L. Page, a fireman attached to Chief Croker's headquarters in Great Jones street, called him down after the two women had shifted their seats and shown that they were greatly annoyed.

All hands transferred to a cross-town car at 138th street and Third avenue, and, according to Page and the two women, Ryan continued to make eyes at the young woman. When the car reached 135th street and Eighth avenue, the end of the line, the passengers piled out. Page says

he was making for another car when Ryan approached him and said:

"Say, you're a pretty fresh guy."

With that, according to Page, Ryan hauled off and swatted him several times. The two women screamed and Policeman Gerken ran up. On complaint of Page the policemen took Ryan to the West 126th street station and locked him up on a charge of assault. The two women followed and told the sergeant that Ryan had annoyed them.

Phi Gamma Delta Celebrates.

The fortieth anniversary of the institution of a chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the College of the City of New York was celebrated at a banquet at the Hotel Astor last evening. In addition to active members and alumni of the local chapter there were present representatives from chapters at Yale, Colgate, Columbia, Pennsylvania and the University of California. Dr. Leigh Harrison Hunt was toastmaster.



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